

Meeting to Discuss Issues Relating to the California Phase 3 Reformulated Gasoline Regulations

IMPORT ISSUES

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Current Treatment of Imported Gasoline

- ✦ “Importer” - the person who first accepts delivery in California of imported California gasoline
- ✦ “Import facility” - the facility at which gasoline is first received in California (can be a cargo tank truck)
- ✦ The producer/production facility flat and averaging limits also apply to importers/import facilities
- ✦ **Protocol** mechanism

Notification and Sampling Requirements for Importers

When imported gasoline is supplied from the import facility:

- ◆ Elections to use Predictive Model or averaging are made for each “final blend” supplied
- ◆ Must notify if averaging or switching from a Predictive Model formulation
- ◆ No notification if meeting flat limits (unless changing) or same Predictive Model formulation
- ◆ Sampling and testing required only for properties being averaged

Potential Amendments Regarding Imports

Objectives:

- ◆ Assure compliance is effectively monitored
- ◆ Assure it's practical to import complying gasoline
- ◆ Require **registration** of persons who transport gasoline into California.
- ◆ Focus on particular ways gasoline is imported:
marine vessel, railcar, cargo tank truck

Marine Vessel Imports

- ◆ Registration for gasoline marine terminals
- ◆ Mandatory notification 24 hours before delivery to California facility by:
 - operator of vessel
 - operator of facility receiving the gasoline
 - owner of the gasoline
- ◆ Product transfer document (until gasoline enters distribution system)
- ◆ Mandatory testing and recordkeeping
- ◆ Notification of all final blends supplied from import facility
- ◆ Protocols - designate ship or compartment as import facility

Cargo Tank Truck Imports

- ◆ Gasoline produced in California not treated as imported
- ◆ Danger of noncompliance:
 - Limited availability of complying product
 - Mobility of trucks
 - Direct deliveries to retail outlets
- ◆ Quarterly import plans and reports
- ◆ Documentation carried on truck
- ◆ Product transfer documentation
- ◆ Protocols - may treat out-of-state terminal as import facility

Railcar Imports

- ◆ Registration of off-loading facilities
- ◆ Notifications of all final blends supplied from import facility
- ◆ Protocols